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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application by Toru TSUKADA and Soichiro KATO  
Entitled "FEED SCREW DEVICE"  
Assignee: NSK LTD.  
Our Reference: Q79580

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior Serial No. 09/985,400 (Confirmation No. 3573) filed November 2, 2001, by Toru TSUKADA and Soichiro KATO entitled "FEED SCREW DEVICE."

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty-six (26) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-4, 5(a), 5(b), 6(a), 6(b), 7(a), 7(b), 8, 9(a), 9(b), 10(a), 10(b), 11(a), 11(b) and 12-41, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior applications.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Chong Hwa Kim in Group Art Unit 3682.

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/985,400 filed November 2, 2001 (Confirmation No. 3573), which is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/877,518 (Confirmation No. 6133) filed June 17, 1997, the entire contents and disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. This application is also

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related to Serial No. 08/809,262 (Confirmation No. 6379) filed March 16, 2001, and Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_) filed November 2, 2001, both of which are also divisional applications of Serial No. 08/877,518 filed June 17, 1997 (Confirmation No. 3573); the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	8-155545	June 17, 1996
Japan	8-155546	June 17, 1996
Japan	8-189148	July 18, 1996

All of the priority documents were filed in prior Serial No. 08/877,518 on September 22, 1997.

After entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>0</u>
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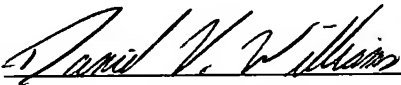
Please charge the statutory filing fee of \$1,286.00, and any additional fees required (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee), to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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